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SUBJ: SUHARTO URGES "IDEOLOGICAL FANATICISM" TO
COMBAT COMMUNISM

BEGIN SUMMARY: IN RAMBLING IN-FLIGHT PRESS CONFERENCE
JULY 8 ON WAY HOME FROM TOKYO, THE LAST STOP ON HIS
RECENT TWELVE-DAY WORLD TOUR, PRESIDENT SUHARTO SAID
INDONESIA NEEDS "IDEOLOGICAL FANATICISM" TO WITHSTAND
COMMUNIST THREAT, NOW GREATER BECAUSE OF COMMUNIST
VICTORIES IN INDOCHINA. BUT SUCCESS OF IDEOLOGY AND
"NATIONAL RESILIENCE," HE SAID, WILL DEPEND ON COMMIT-
MENT TO PUBLIC WELFARE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. SUHARTO
ALSO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH HIS VISITS TO IRAN,
YUGOSLAVIA, CANADA, US AND JAPAN, SAYING THEY HAD
STRENGTHENED BILATERAL RELATIONS. SUHARTO'S COMMENTS,
BASED ON PRESS REPORTS JULY 9, SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS. END SUMMARY

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1. FALL OF INDOCHINA STATES TO COMMUNISTS, ANTICIPATED

BY INDONESIA, WAS RESULT OF OVER-RELIANCE ON MILITARY POWER BY NON-COMMUNIST REGIMES AND THEIR SUPPORTERS, INCLUDING US. COMMUNISTS WON IN INDOCHINA BECAUSE OF "IDEOLOGICAL FANATICISM," WHICH CAN ONLY BE DEFEATED BY COUNTERVAILING "IDEOLOGICAL FANATICISM."

2. VIETNAM EXPERIENCE WILL NOT BE REPEATED IN INDONESIA, AND INDONESIA'S PANCASILA IDEOLOGY WILL PREVENT RETURN OF COMMUNISTS; BUT INDONESIA'S "IDEOLOGICAL FANATICISM" MUST INCLUDE COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL WELFARE TO SUCCEED.

3. COMMUNISTS IN INDOCHINA WILL NEED ABOUT FIVE YEARS TO CONSOLIDATE POWER; BUT THEIR VICTORIES HAVE ALREADY ENCOURAGED STEPPED-UP COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THAILAND AND MALAYSIA. THERE HAS NOT YET BEEN ANY DISCERNIBLE EFFECT ON COMMUNIST REMNANTS IN INDONESIA, BUT THREAT EXISTS, ESPECIALLY SINCE OVER ONE MILLION WEAPONS CAPTURED BY COMMUNISTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

4. INCREASED "NATIONAL RESILIENCE" WHICH INDONESIA NEEDS TO COMBAT COMMUNISM REQUIRES ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT, WHICH IN TURN REQUIRES ECONOMIC AID; INDONESIA HAS PROVED ITS ABILITY TO HELP ITSELF BUT STILL NEEDS AID, ALTHOUGH IT IS NOW PREPARED TO ACCEPT LESS CONCESSIONAL TERMS. DISCUSSIONS OF INDONESIA'S AID NEEDS DURING FIVE-NATION TRIP PRODUCED FOLLOWING CONCRETE RESULTS:

A. IRAN WILL EXPEDITE RECENT \$200 MILLION LOAN COMMITMENT AND WILL JOIN INDONESIA IN JOINT COMMISSION TO STUDY WIDER ECONOMIC COOPERATION. IN ADDITION TO FINANCIAL AID, IRAN WILL PARTICIPATE IN A JOINT VENTURE SUGAR FACTORY PROJECT.

B. YUGOSLAVIA WILL ACCELERATE \$80 MILLION LOAN PROGRAM FOR ELECTRIC POWER; IT WILL ALSO LEND \$40 MILLION FOR PN BARATA CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY WORKS, AND \$30 MILLION FOR OTHER PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT.

C. CANADA, IN ADDITION TO IGGI AID, HAS PLEDGED \$200 MILLION FROM CANADIAN EXIM BANK AND CIDA. CANADA UNCLASSIFIED

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WILL ALSO PROMOTE COOPERATION BETWEEN CANADIAN AND INDONESIAN BUSINESSMEN.

D. JAPAN HAS SIGNED \$870 MILLION FINANCING AGREEMENT FOR ASAHAN DAM PROJECT IN SUMATRA.

E. IN TALKS AT CAMP DAVID, PRESIDENT FORD EXPLAINED US WILL CONTINUE TO MEET ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AS GREAT

POWER BY PARTICIPATING IN DEFENSE OF PEACE, WORLDWIDE,
AND IN ASIA.

5. INDONESIA'S EFFORT TO PREVENT COMMUNISM THROUGH
"NATIONAL RESILIENCE" IN MILITARY SPHERE REQUIRES INTEL-
LIGENCE OPERATIONS ASSISTED BY THE PEOPLE AND HIGHLY
MOBILE TERRITORIAL TROOPS. TO THE EXTENT MILITARY
ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED, IT SHOULD AID THESE OBJECTIVES.

6. OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSED DURING TRIP WERE NEW INTER-
NATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, OPEC, LAW OF THE SEA AND
INDONESIA'S ARCHIPELAGO THEORY, AND PORTUGUESE TIMOR.
INDONESIA WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE CONSULTATION, NOT
CONFRONTATION, ON THESE ISSUES.

7. COMMENT: STRONG ANTI-COMMUNIST THRUST OF SUHARTO'S
REMARKS AND HIS REFERENCE TO "IDEOLOGICAL FANATICISM"
REFLECT MILITARY LEADERSHIP'S INCREASED INTEREST IN
STRENGTHENED IDEOLOGICAL RESISTANCE TO COMMUNISTS.
(WORD "FANATICISM" SOMETIMES CARRIES POSITIVE CONNOTATION
IN INDONESIAN.)
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